

IS STILL UNDECIDED.

Not Known How the Venezuelan Trouble Will Be Settled.

The Acceptance By the Powers of the Principle of Arbitration is a Matter of Great Gratification to the Administration.

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt has not accepted the position of arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. In fact, when the official day closed he had not received, formally or officially, a request from the European powers that he act as arbitrator of the dispute. The statements are made on the highest authority.

In an informal manner the president has been notified that the European powers intimately concerned in the present South American difficulty desire that he should undertake the responsibility of acting as arbitrator of the points at issue between them and Venezuela. Thus far they merely have been taking "soundings" with a view, probably, of ascertaining how he would receive a formal proffer to act as arbitrator. The president, as soon as he received the first intimation that he was desired to be the arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy, expressed emphatically his judgment that the matters to be arbitrated should be referred to The Hague tribunal. His view of the suggestions made has been conveyed to the European powers, together with a strong presentation of his reasons for the view he holds. No response of a formal nature to these representations has been received.

So far as can be learned, no specific reasons have been advanced by the European powers for objecting to a reference of the Venezuelan questions to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal. It is held by the administration that the tribunal at The Hague was constituted to arbitrate just such controversies as that which has arisen between Venezuela and the powers and that it would be desirable from every view point that the present dispute should go to that tribunal for adjustment. How strong the objection which Great Britain, Germany and Italy have to a reference to Venezuelan difficulty to The Hague tribunal is not known to the administration at this time. Even the nature of the objections, if there be any, is not known. The negotiations looking to the selection of an arbitrator have not progressed sufficiently yet to develop such objections as the powers may have.

The acceptance by the powers of the principle of arbitration as applied to the Venezuelan question is a matter of great gratification to the president and his cabinet. That all the powers have intimated too that they would prefer the president should arbitrate the present dispute is taken as a notable compliment to the president personally and to his administration. It is the hope of both the president and his advisors, however, that while there is precedent for his acceptance of the post of arbitrator the powers will consent to a reference of the controverted matters in the Venezuelan question to the tribunal at The Hague.

While it is recognized by the president's closest advisors and by the president himself that some unpleasant possibilities might attend his performance of the duties of arbitrator of the pending Venezuelan difficulty his friends assert that he will shirk no responsibility that he may deem it his duty to undertake but will accept it the powers should insist on it, though he is very reluctant to do so.

DEWEY'S SQUADRON.

Holiday Itinerary For the Ship and Being Rapidly Executed.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Cabled advices to the navy department show that the holiday itinerary for the ships of Adm. Dewey's squadron in the Caribbean is being rapidly executed. Christmas evening will find all of the 40 vessels in port. The Iowa, R. R. Adm. Sumner's flagship, and the Massachusetts have arrived at Santa Lucia; Olympia, Nashville and Machias at St. Kitts; Vixen at St. Thomas; Detroit at Antigua; San Francisco and Culo-goat at Mazaguez, and the Chicago, Prairie, Atlanta, Eagle, Dolphin, Leyden, Portune and the torpedo flotilla at San Juan.

Indoor Athletic Meet.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The George town University Athletic association has decided to hold the annual indoor athletic meet February 28 in Convention hall. Invitations have been sent to all the principal colleges and universities of the country.

Supposed to Be Bubonic Plague.

Mexico City, Dec. 23.—Advices from Mazatlan, the seaport on the western coast of Mexico, where a disease supposed to be the bubonic plague, has broken out, show that there were three deaths on Saturday and nine on Sunday from the malady.

Elected President of Hayti.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The department of state was advised Monday morning that Gen. Nord has been elected president of Hayti by the Haytian Congress. United States Minister Powell, at Santo Domingo, has confirmed the news.

Fraudulent Use of Mails.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—William W. Bristol was sentenced Monday in the federal court to a year in the county jail for fraudulent use of the mails in connection with the Surety Guarantee and Trust Co., of which he was manager.

TOWBOAT BOILER EXPLODED.

Captain and Firemen Killed and Engineer Fatally Injured.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24.—Two men were killed and another fatally injured in an explosion of the boiler of the towboat Lizzie Massey, on the southern branch of the Elizabeth river, at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening.

The tug was towing the lumber laden barge Maple from the Richmond cedar works to Norfolk when the accident occurred. Capt. Geo. M. Williams, who with Engineer Samuel Dunn, owned the boat, was thrown 50 feet into the air and horribly mangled. Wm. Byman, fireman, was blown into pieces. The boiler was thrown through the top of the boat and landed some distance away in the river. The tug immediately sank in 15 feet of water. It is reported that an unknown man, employed in the barge, was also killed.

MRS. LENA M. LILLIE ARRESTED.

She Is Charged With Murdering Her Husband.

David City, Neb., Dec. 24.—Lena M. Lillie was arrested on complaint of County Attorney Walling, charged with murdering her husband. The arrest has caused a sensation. Harvey Lillie was shot dead in his bed in October, supposedly by burglars, although the suspicion that the house had been robbed was later disproved. Since then, the county attorney and detectives have been working on the case. The family was prominent, Dr. Lillie being local manager for one of the leading grain and elevator companies of the state. Mrs. Lillie was arraigned, pleaded not guilty and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,000, furnished by her father.

RIOT ON A TRAIN.

Two Trainmen Shot and Dangerously Wounded.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 24.—The passenger train on the St. Louis Southwestern (Cotton Belt) railroad, which arrived here from the south Tuesday, was the scene of a riot near McNeil Station, Tuesday morning. A number of Negro section hands, said to have been drunk, became turbulent and refused to pay their fare. In an altercation S. S. Pitman and Brakeman C. H. Ferguson, who went to the assistance of Conductor Dave Ferguson, were shot and dangerously wounded. Four of the Negroes were arrested and placed in jail at Camden. Other arrests are expected.

SMUGGLED TOBACCO.

One Thousand Pounds of Sumatra Wrapper Seized in New York.

New York, Dec. 24.—On board the steamer St. George, which arrived from Antwerp on December 19 and is now lying at Hoboken custom house inspectors Tuesday night seized 1,600 pounds of Sumatra wrapper tobacco valued at \$2 per pound, which firemen attached to the steamer were about to smuggle in a small boat. Some of the tobacco was discovered concealed in the coal bunkers. From information received by the custom house authorities it is believed that plans were laid to smuggle \$10,000 worth of tobacco on the St. George.

TURKEY SHOOTING MATCH.

Ten Men Wounded By the Accidental Discharge of a Shotgun.

Alto Pass, Ill., Dec. 24.—Ten men were shot by accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Mastin Batson at a turkey shooting match at Phillip creek, near here. A. B. Morton received 13 shots in the head and face and is more seriously wounded than the others. Several shot struck James Brookes, a boy, in the neck, cutting the flesh away almost to the jugular vein. The others received lesser wounds in the face.

MAGNANIMOUS JUDGE.

Permits a Prisoner to Go Home and Spend Christmas With Family.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Judge Thomas Nevitt, of St. Clair county, Mo., who has been in jail in Marysville for failing to obey a mandate of the United States court, was released Tuesday by Judge Phillips so he could spend Christmas with his family. After the holidays he will return to the Marysville jail. Judge Nevitt is presiding judge of the county court of St. Clair county. He has been in jail ever since he was elected.

Officials Contract the Disease.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 24.—Henry Turner, state cattle commissioner, and John E. Pollard, state veterinarian, who have been working to stamp out the foot and mouth epidemic prevalent here, have been attacked by the disease. Large blisters have appeared on their tongues and the other symptoms have been observed.

Anarchist Outrage.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 24.—A dynamite cartridge was exploded at the entrance of St. Peter's cathedral. The doorway was damaged, but not seriously. The outrage is supposed to have been perpetrated by an anarchist.

The Pretender Fled.

London, Dec. 24.—In a dispatch from Tangier dated Tuesday a correspondent of the Daily Mail says the sultan's troops have entered Taza and that the pretender has fled to the Ghilata hills.

PASSED THE BLOCKADE

American Vessel Landed at La Guayra, But Soon Left.

Can Cruise Before La Guayra and Take on Passengers and Mail, But on No Account Is She to Enter the Port Again.

La Guayra, Dec. 24.—No attempt was made by the blockading ships to destroy the Red D liner Caracas, from New York, when she reached the harbor Tuesday morning. A vigorous protest from Lieut. Commander Diehl, of the American warship Marietta, was responsible for the change of base on the part of the captain of the Italian cruiser Bausan. He had caused it to be announced Monday that he would hold up the American liner, and the news was conveyed to Commander Diehl. He sent a dispatch about it to the navy department and then hustled out to the Italian cruiser.

For an hour he was closeted with the Italian commander. What he told him has not developed, but it was convincing, for soon after word was sent to the agents of the Caracas that she could enter, and the steamer, which had been held at Willemstad, was ordered to port forthwith.

The steamer Caracas will not be permitted to enter Puerto Cabello. She will be obliged to land the remainder of her cargo at Willemstad, Curacao.

Caracas, Dec. 24.—Lieut. Commander Diehl at 4 o'clock Tuesday evening endeavored to obtain from the commanders of the foreign warships at La Guayra an extension of a few hours in the time given the steamer Caracas to remain at her dock in order that she might finish unloading. His request to this end was refused and he did not insist. The commanders of the blockading warships explained that they were acting on the orders of the British admirals that the order given to permit the Caracas to discharge more than the mail had been given to satisfy Commander Diehl. The Caracas consequently left her berth at La Guayra at 6 o'clock, when she had landed not more than two-thirds of her cargo. Wednesday the steamer will cruise before La Guayra and take on passengers and mail but on no account is she to enter the port. Mr. Boulton, of Boulton & Co., has entered a protest with the American minister here, against the action taken with regard to the Caracas.

La Guayra, Dec. 24.—The allies have advised the Foreign consuls here that steamers reaching La Guayra before December 30 will be allowed to enter port and discharge their cargoes during the day, but they will not be allowed to take cargo on board. This ruling has created general dissatisfaction here. As there is no export duty on goods shipped from Venezuela the ruling does not affect the government. Only the ship workers are affected.

All the mail steamers reaching here after December 30 will be boarded from the blockading squadron and neutral passengers and the mails will be sent ashore under a flag of truce. No exceptions to this ruling in the matter of nationality will be made.

A schooner which attempted to enter port at 9:30 Tuesday night was captured.

CROWN PRINCESS DISAPPEARS.

She Suddenly Leaves Her Husband and Children.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 24.—King George and the Crown Prince Frederick know where the Crown Princess Louise has sought refuge, but they have decided to accept the estrangement of the princess and her husband as irreparable. They have made the cabinet privy to the circumstances of the princess' flight as they see them, and a decree of divorce is talked of as a necessary sequence to the princess' resolution to leave the court forever.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—It has transpired that the crown princess did not leave Salzburg by train, but drove across the frontier to a Bavarian station, and there entrained. The journey was broken often to baffle pursuers.

Another account of the princess' flight says her leaving the palace was not voluntary, but that her husband had ejected her after discovering her liaisons, first with an American dentist and then with the French tutor. When she left Salzburg accompanied by her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, the princess went to Munich, where a French tutor awaited her. Her brother was also joined there by a beautiful Viennese woman, and the two couples proceeded to Brussels and thence to Geneva. It appears that when the crown prince returned recently to Dresden after his hunting accident in the Tyrol he discovered secret correspondence exchanged between the princess and the French tutor, whose former relations with her had created a scandal, resulting in the tutor's expulsion from Saxony.

Violated the Postal Laws.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—Drs. James M. Peebles, Walter T. Bobo and Chas. Green, of the People's Institute of South Battle Creek, Mich., were convicted by a jury in the United States district court here Monday of violating the postal laws.

State Senator Killed.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 23.—Information was received here that Zeb Wilson, recently elected state senator from Yancey county, was killed at Burnsville by his brother, Hiram Wilson. They quarreled over a horse sale.

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